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STARK TO HOLD TOWN MEETINGS, SPEAK TO GROUPS ON EDUCATION AND PURSUIT OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE

WASHINGTON, DC – Beginning Friday, U.S. Rep. Pete Stark (D-Fremont) will speak to residents of the 13th Congressional District at town meetings and two separate events highlighting education and international relations. The following is information on events in which Stark will be participating:

Friday, April 8th

Rep. Stark and his wife, Deborah, will be keynote speakers at Girls, Inc. of Alameda County's first annual Strong, Smart and Bold Luncheon in San Leandro. The event will highlight girls' leadership and education.

Girls Incorporated of Alameda County Strong, Smart and Bold Luncheon 11:30 a.m. Veterans Memorial Hall 1105 Bancroft Avenue San Leandro

Saturday, April 9th

Stark will be holding 3 town meetings to listen to his constituents and answer their questions on important national issues. Stark will highlight a provision of the No Child Left Behind law that allows military recruiters to access high school students' contact information. He will have forms available to allow parents and students to protect their information from release.

Stark will also present a Congressional Silver Medal at the Fremont town meeting to Mission San Jose High School student, Kate Aspell, for participating in various activities focused on personal development and community service.

9:00-10:00 a.m.

Fremont Senior Center, Wing A 40086 Paseo Padre Parkway Fremont

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10:30-11:30 a.m.
San Leandro City Hall
Council Chambers
835 East 14th Street
San Leandro

Noon – 1:00 p.m. Alameda City Hall Council Chambers 2263 Santa Clara Avenue Alameda

Sunday, April 10th

Rep. Stark will give opening remarks at a symposium organized by the American Institute of International Studies based in Newark. Stark was invited as the guest of honor by the organization's President and founder, Syed Mahmood, his former Republican opponent in the 2002 Congressional election. Since that time, Mr. Mahmood and Stark have joined together in speaking out against the war and the misguided foreign policy of the Bush Administration. Stark will discuss the need for the United States to exercise responsible leadership at home and abroad to promote democracy, human rights and peaceful reconciliation in world conflicts.

American Institute of International Studies War and Peace – A Symposium 2:30 p.m. Chandni Restaurant 5748 Mowry School Road Balentine Plaza Newark